

2006 Local Accomplishments

AID FOR TOWNS IN THE 33RD SENATE DISTRICT

A very important part of my job representing the people of the 33rd state Senate District is ensuring that we receive our fair share of state funding. I am pleased to report the following grants and reimbursements from the state:

Total Education Grants	\$38,941,237	This funding is an increase of \$731,128 over last year's budget
Town Aid Road Fund (TAR)	\$1,565,294	
Mashantucket Pequot/Mohegan Grants	\$588,762	
Local Capital Improvements (LoCIP)	\$834,468	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$769,029	
Extra Property Tax Relief for 2006	\$415,004	
Totals	\$43,113,794	

Special Funds for Unilever

I have been working for years to help resolve the wastewater management dilemma faced by the Unilever Corporation. I am proud to have secured \$500,000 in state bond funds to help this Clinton corporation treat and re-use wastewater from its manufacturing plant. This public-private initiative will help our environment as well as our local economy.

Funding for Chester

I was proud to help secure a \$500,000 grant for Chester through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP). This state grant will support the extension of a water main line to a research and light-manufacturing park on Inspiration Lane. Extending the line will help residents and businesses alike and will promote economic development in the area.

Funding for East Haddam

Moodus Village will benefit from a \$250,000 STEAP grant that I helped obtain. This grant will supplement a prior state grant which helped begin a streetscape project. The new funding will go toward construction of a sidewalk along the Moodus Center area.

Funding for Deep River

The town of Deep River was recently awarded a \$500,000 STEAP grant to support streetscape improvements in the Main Street corridor. These improvements will include better lighting, parking, sidewalks and roadways in this primary shopping area. Because of this funding, Deep River will be a more attractive and safer place to shop, walk and enjoy the outside.

Funding for Essex

I worked hard to secure \$499,910 for Essex to use for repairs to the town's Main Street park, host to the annual Connecticut River Eagle Festival. This STEAP grant will support lighting, sidewalk and street renovation in historic Essex village.

Funding for East Hampton

Residents of and visitors to East Hampton will benefit from a \$499,944 STEAP grant that I helped to secure. This funding will be used to improve the aesthetic, safety and environmental conditions along Route 66. Directional signage, landscape buffers and sidewalk improvements will promote safety and encourage economic growth in the town's primary commercial corridor.



A Message to My Constituents



Dear Neighbors,

On May 3rd, the 2006 legislative session came to a close. Our state Constitution dictates the beginning and closing times for each legislative session, and this year was the shortest possible—only 85 days. In this short time, the General Assembly passed significant initiatives to make Connecticut a better place to work, live and educate our children. I have included some highlights of the session in this newsletter.

I am especially proud that a bipartisan budget was adopted that provides tax relief for automobiles, real estate and businesses while returning money to cities and towns to help hold down local property taxes. This includes an increase—from \$400 to \$500—on the state property tax credit.

Please let me know if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

Sincerely,
Eileen M. Daily
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State Senator, 33rd District

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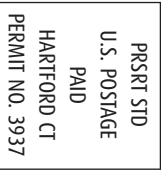
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I'm proud to represent the 33rd state Senate District which includes the communities of Centerbrook, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Ivoryton, Moodus, Lyme, Portland, Old Saybrook & Westbrook



CONNECTICUT JOBS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

2006 Legislative Initiatives

A recent study probably shocked the state with the information that since 1991, Connecticut has experienced no net job growth. My Senate Democratic colleagues and I initiated a comprehensive plan to address the need for job growth in order to steer our state toward a brighter future. Our legislative package invests in education, jobs, university/business partnerships, transportation improvements, and the promotion of promising fuel cell technologies that have been developed right here in our own backyard.

Highlights of our successful initiative include:

- **Elimination of the Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment property tax** to attract more manufacturing jobs to Connecticut, especially the cutting-edge, precision manufacturing that is critical to our future economy
- **Tax incentives to attract movie companies** to film their productions here in Connecticut
- **Linking promising new businesses to the university expertise** that can help bring innovative products to market
- **A Center for Entrepreneurship** that will assist promising technologies to develop right here in our state
- **More funding for incumbent worker training programs**, provided by regional workforce development boards, to help workers learn new and valuable skills
- **Creation of business incubators to help grow the small business ideas** that will fuel our future economy and improve job creation across the state
- **Development Research and Economic Assistance Matching (DREAM) grants** that supplement and increase small businesses' access to federal research grants
- **A Business Advocate's office** to serve as a one-stop contact point for businesses to access government assistance and cut through red tape
- **Encouraging more engineering and doctoral research graduates to stay and work in Connecticut** through a 'Scholar-to-Work' system which ensures that innovation and creativity will remain a hallmark of Connecticut's future in the growing world marketplace
- **Partnerships between local schools and businesses** to help more students master math and science as building blocks to careers in competitive fields
- **Teacher 'externships'** that help link the skills taught in classrooms to those sought by employers, and provide opportunities for students to participate in internship and job-shadow experiences that will help them build relevant job skills
- **Asserting Connecticut's position as a global leader in the fuel cell industry** by improving clean energy alternatives in ways that grow jobs in this highly skilled sector



STATE SENATOR EILEEN M. DAILY 33RD DISTRICT



This summer, support the local economy by consuming Connecticut-grown produce available from our multitude of local farm stands and farmers' markets.

Working for Connecticut's Future



Energy Efficiency

To help residents with energy costs, we passed legislation last October that exempted certain weatherization products—such as insulation, programmable thermostats, and energy-efficient furnaces and boilers—from the state sales tax. This session, we extended the exemption until June 30, 2007. We also passed legislation that requires certain state construction projects to meet stricter energy and environmental standards. This will help save state taxpayers money while promoting energy efficiency.

Taking a Stand Against Underage Drinking

House parties pose a significant risk to our young people who consume alcohol on private property. The General Assembly passed a new law this session that makes it a crime to knowingly allow underage drinking on your private property or to do nothing to prevent such activity. This legislation also extends the law prohibiting the possession of alcohol by a minor on public property to all private property as well.

Tax Credits for Historic Structures

Our state has many older, historic structures that are now vacant and in desperate need of rehabilitation. We passed legislation that authorizes \$15 million per year in business tax credits for funds spent rehabilitating these properties for residential use. This type of incentive will help restore and beautify these buildings while providing housing and reinvestment to our communities.



Recognizing Our Veterans

The debt owed our state's veterans can never be paid in full. During the 2006 session, the legislature continued to recognize the service of our brave men and women by passing new laws aimed at paying part of this debt. These new laws include exempting disability payments from determining eligibility for certain income-based property tax exemptions for veterans, extending the same protections to state service members assigned to state duties as they would be entitled to on federal duty, and expanding the definition of veteran to include reservists and National Guardsmen.

Connecticut's Farms

Trumpeting our Connecticut-grown farm products is excellent publicity for our state. We passed legislation that requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a campaign, including television and radio advertisements, to promote the advantages of purchasing these products. In addition, we expanded the types of products that can be sold at farmers' markets. We also provided funding to UConn to expand their Integrated Pest Management program, which promotes pest control through safe and effective methods and is crucial for crop productivity and quality.



Saving for College Made Easier

This year, we supported a new tax deduction in the legislature. You can now deduct from your state personal income tax contributions you make to the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET)—\$5,000 for individual taxpayers and \$10,000 for joint filers. CHET was established to help state residents save for future college tuition. Growth of the money you deposit in the trust will accumulate on a tax-exempt basis until withdrawn for eligible higher education expenses. For more information, contact 1-888-799-CHET(2438).

Roadmap to Connecticut's Economic Future

The gridlock that clogs our highways poses a significant threat to Connecticut's economic future. The General Assembly passed groundbreaking legislation that makes major investments in mass transit and plans for our future transportation infrastructure. This new act provides \$1 billion for targeted transportation projects and commits \$1.3 billion for future projects including:

- The creation of the New Haven to Springfield Commuter Rail, creation of the New Britain to Hartford Busway and significant improvements to branch lines, rail stations and parking facilities on the New Haven line and Shoreline East
- The commissioning of several studies regarding the current state of our infrastructure and potential new initiatives, including targeted road expansions and commuter rail in Eastern Connecticut (New London to Worcester)
- The authorization of the use of state dollars to encourage transit-oriented development and locating of businesses near mass transit